Board of Trustees discusses advancement committee

Dustin Fox
Staff Reporter

On January 25, Jacksonville State University’s Board of Trustees held its first meeting of the new year at the Houston Cole Library.

Following an invocation from President Beehler, each committee spoke for its current affairs and plans for the year.

A new committee dedicated to the advancement of the university was introduced. The advancement committee will work with fundraising, marketing and alumni associations to recruit new students and help increase enrollment.

President Beehler reported that the university has seen a 125 percent increase in freshmen applications for fall 2016, with over 4,400 admission applications. Transfer enrollment has also seen a 79 percent increase.

Beehler credited the recent football playoffs for helping with the increase in interest in Jacksonville State.

The previous football season generated $58.7 million in earned media coverage due to the coverage of the football team during the race for the national championship.

Beehler and Trustee Thomas Debrick, Sr. spoke on the academic performance of JSU’s athletes. The average GPA of all athletes at Jacksonville State is 3.1, with 14 of 16 campus sports reporting GPAs above 3.0 among all of their students.

During the meeting, SGA president Tyler Brown announced the plastic and mixed paper recycling program that will begin on campus, with drop-off locations at six university buildings.

The board recognized the Nursing Services Committee that will begin on campus, with drop-off locations at six university buildings.

Presidential campaign trail heats up between both parties

Alexander Cooper
Staff Reporter

With the primaries for the next presidential election growing increasingly closer, candidates in both parties have experienced several twists and turns in their race to the oval office.

Perhaps one of the most important developments to occur this month in any of the candidates campaigns was Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin’s endorsement of Republican front-runner Donald Trump.

Trump invited Palin to join him on stage at a rally in Iowa; she announced her support for the presidential hopeful whom she was quick to name as “the next President of the United States.”

No stranger to the political arena, Palin herself ran for vice president in 2008 alongside John McCain in his presidential campaign.

She praised Trump for his business experience and skill at negotiation, calling him the one candidate proven to be a master at “the art of the deal.”

She also called for an enthusiastic “halftimber” when mentioning that Trump was a member of the private sector and not a politician.

She argued that Trump’s experience with business practices, such as balancing budgets, would be invaluable to a U.S. president.

Palin also expressed her belief that Trump would be a strong military leader, and would allow U.S. soldiers to “kick ISIS’s ass.”

Throughout her endorsement she See CAMPAIGN page 2

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Men and Women Tennis teams take respective wins

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT
Applied engineering allows students to compete nationally

Kara Morgan Burgess
Staff Reporter

JSU’s applied engineering program hosts the Alabama State VEX Robotics Competition, which allows students to participate.

According to Jacksonville State University’s website, “engineering programs tend to teach the student to develop the latest technology. The Applied Engineering programs at JSU train students to implement, or apply, the latest technology for today’s workforce.”

For students interested in pursuing traditional engineering degrees, JSU offers a two... See SPOTLIGHT page 6
also talked about her respect for Trump's shacking up of "the status quo," and argued that he knows "the main thing," which she described as being able to protect Americans economically and militarily.

However, Trump hasn't been the only GOP candidate in the news lately. Texas Sen- ator Ted Cruz recently drew fire from some of the com- ments that he made concern- ing the state of New York. Cruz criticized Donald Trump for having "New York values." Cruz later elaborated on what he meant when questioned at the sixth republican debate. He said that New York City views are socially liberal, and in- clude pro-abortion and pro- gay marriage stances.

He supported his state- ment by arguing that "not a lot of conservatives come out of Manhattan.

This provoked a response from Trump during the debate, and the anger of many New Yorkers, many of whom ex- pressed their disapproval in ar- ticles and on social media sites. According to the New York Times, thou- sandval- ues began trending on Twit- ter with an estimated more than 25,000 people weigh- ing in on Cruz's comments. Cruz later issued an apolo- gy to the "millions of New Yorkers who have been let down by liberal politicians in that state," but has since aimed a campaign ad that continues to echo his com- ments over Donald Trump's "New York values.

The presidential candidates in the Democratic Party have also been in the spotlight throughout the past few weeks. While former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has been widely considered to be the front-runner among the Democratic candidates, a recent CNN poll shows her lead over Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont is be- ginning to shrink. According to CNN's most recent poll, Clinton is at around 52 percent while Sanders is sitting at around 38 percent. The two candi- dates recently presented their final appeals to Iowa voters alongside fellow candidate Martin O'Malley at a CNN- hosted town hall in the state.

The three addressed vari- ous issues including foreign policy and inequality. One of the big takeaways from the town hall was Bernie Sanders' statement that "we will raise taxes" in order to pay for health care.

The candidates in both parties are just beginning to gear up for the primaries and caucuses that will take place in the coming months, and there are likely many more changes in store for the political landscape before the elections take place.

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**Let's make Professional Development**

**Our Resolution in 2016!**

The Faculty Commons and Online@JSU are excited to offer this list of upcoming PD opportunities for all JSU faculty. Please keep this schedule handy as you plan.

Today: Bb Grade Center, Basic Session

Information about each event, including descriptions, times and registration infor- mation can be found on the Faculty Commons website, www.jsu.edu/ faculty-commons or by going to the Faculty Commons, 256- 782-5806.
January 28, 2016

The Chanticleer staff is happy to help! Email chantynewstips@gmail.com with your problems and look in the paper next week for our newest “Dear Chanty” section. NOTE: All entries will remain anonymous, and Chanty will respond to all inquiries.

Submit today!
Have something you want us to note? Use #chanticlerevents.

Need Advice?

I am a casual cigarette smoker. I am not too bad, but I smoke half of a pack of Camel menthol per day. Lately, I have been wanting to kick the habit. It’s not because I really care about the health problems. I just can’t afford $25 dollars every week to buy cigarettes. I have tried to quit before, but I haven’t had any luck. Chewing gum doesn’t help, and Nicorette is too expensive. Eating candy worked for awhile, but I ended up spending like $15 dollars a week on it. And that really doesn’t solve my money problem. There has got to be a better substitute for cigarettes. I don’t know if any of the staff smokes, but I thought I would ask anyway. Any suggestions on how to quit for good?

Sincerely,
Still Smoking

Dear Still Smoking,

This is probably obvious, but you will not be able to quit unless you actually really want to. Some people find success in quitting smoking by adopting an exercise routine. Perhaps if you try running a mile or two in your spare time, you will have a little more motivation to quit. After all, it is going to be hard to run long distances if you keep smoking. You also might want to reconsider the health risks of smoking. You are not the only person to say this. Another thing to consider is that many smokers increase the amount they smoke over time. So while you may be at a half of a pack right now, that could change over time. As for substitutions, you were still saving $10 dollars a week on candy as a replacement. That is a start. Good luck!

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Yours truly,
Chanty
Brett Thornburg
Special to The Chanticleer

Jacksonville State University has many different types of clubs that are available to students. These clubs vary so much that there is at least one that a student would be interested in. One club that students enjoy is the JSU FAN Club.

Perhaps unheard of by the general student population, there is a club specifically designed for all types of fandoms—everything from Doctor Who to Pokémon. The JSU FAN (Fan Association Network) Club, originally known as the Doctor Who Club, is under the sponsorship of JSU history professor, Llewellyn Cook. The president of this club is student, Tiffany Strickland. The JSU FAN Club is a two-year-old organization, and it has grown in those two years. After some initial meetings, the veteran members and leadership quickly realized that new members were interested in other fandoms besides Doctor Who; therefore, the name change resulted in attracting more members.

The purpose of the club is to provide a hangout spot where all of the “nerds” of the campus can get together to enjoy some epic discussions about whose fandom is better or if they should trade that Pikachu for a Staryu. This year, the club hosted a Harry Potter party complete with “costume” and magic-themed games. “It really makes me proud to see all these new friends and experiencing new adventures and hobbies, and it makes me immensely happy to be a part of it.” said club president, Tiffany Strickland. During the semester, the club hosts many different events—video game nights, panel discussions, and potlucks. The club even organizes special trips to conventions in Alabama and Georgia. One upcoming trip considered attending is American Animatcon on February 6.

Tiffany Strickland, the club’s current president, has big goals for the club. Strickland hopes to include the club in more events and fundraisers around campus. Last year, the club participated in the annual Halloween Tug Tag event and worked closely with other clubs.

According to Strickland, one of the most exciting parts about the club is the cosplay. According to Bailey, a performance art derived from the words “cosume” and “party” while party complete with “cosume” and movie. “One can build or sew his or her costume based on any of favorite charac- ter from an anime, video game, or movie.” Overall, the members will then debut their creations.

The club’s first few meetings are usually attended by twenty people, but the club gains popularity throughout the semester and averages around fifty members at the last few meetings. The members will then form connections with others. The club’s council aim to achieve an environment where all fellow “nerds” can come together in a costume to express themselves. Whether it be through a television show or movie, this club has something for everyone and is a great place for freshmen who need somewhere to fit in. Potential members can find a booth for the club at Orientation and Freshman Convocation for more information.
Tabitha Rayburn
Special to The Chanti-
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The semester is in full swing and with that comes the wonders of Netflix. Netflix still has the same popular shows that everyone can enjoy, but with the new year, it has added more seasons and new shows. The binge web site is only getting bet-
ter.

As of right now, some of the most promi-
ous shows on Netflix consist of Making a Murderer, New Girl, Arrow, Avengers As-
semble, and Parks and Recreation according to complex.com. How-
ever, there are many more. These popular shows are good for late nights and study breaks. The show Arrow takes a character from a comic and leaves him on a dead-
ly island for 5 years. The show is currently in its fifth season and those are the high points of this Am
erican ensemble. As a child, I enjoyed watching the cartoon Adventures of Superboy. As a man, I still enjoy watching the show. There are comedies and hor-
ror shows that appeal to all differ-
ent age groups. The movie Jujutsu Kaisen is one of the best anime shows on Netflix. This show is also great for fans of horror/mystery shows. Anime is just another form of media that comes from Japan. Other shows that are also great for fans of anime are Pokémon, Naruto, and Sailor Moon.

Music is also great. Artists and bands like Panic! at the Disco also have albums coming out in 2015. Many of these songs are from different artists, but they all have a common theme. They all have a message that they want to get across. A lot of these songs are about love, relationships, and heartbreak. Panic! at the Disco is one of the biggest bands in the world. They have released a lot of albums and have had a lot of success. Their songs are always on the radio and are always a hit. This is one of the reasons why their albums are so popular. They are always on top of the charts and are always breaking records.

Movies are also great. There are a lot of movies that are coming out this year. Some of them are already out and others are still coming. Some of the movies that are coming out this year are The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1, Star Wars: The Force Awakens, and Ghostbusters. These movies are all great and are sure to be hits. Another movie that is coming out this year is The Great Gatsby. This movie is based on the book by F. Scott Fitzgerald. It is a classic book and is sure to be a classic movie. The cast is amazing and the production is top notch. This movie is sure to be a hit.

Sports are also great. There are a lot of sports games that are coming out this year. Some of them are already out and others are still coming. Some of the sports games that are coming out this year are FIFA 16, NBA 2K16, and Madden NFL 16. These games are all great and are sure to be hits. Another game that is coming out this year is NBA Live 16. This game is based on the NBA and is sure to be a hit. The cast is amazing and the production is top notch. This game is sure to be a hit.

Artists set to release new albums this year

Ray Martinez
Special to The Chanti-
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Countless great ar-
ists pushed out great al-
bums in 2015, making it a wonderful year for music. One can only hope that this new year will be as great, musi-
cally, as last year was. With much-anticipated albums such as Adele’s 25, Drake’s If You’re Reading This Too Late, Zac Brown Band’s Jekyll + Hyde, Justin Bieber’s Purpose, and Kendrick La-
mar’s To Pimp a But-
er, many of the artists’ new songs is what everyone will be talking about.

Unfortunately, yet too early in the year to know about every album coming out this year, there are already a few scheduled releases that are worth keeping an eye on – or an ear – out for. Earlier this month, a tweet came out of the @kanyewest twitter account reading, “new album title, ‘WAVES’.” This comes from the public that Kanye West is finally releasing an album that has been in the works for two years in the mak-
ing. At the beginning of February, Kanye recently 
counted “No More Parties in LA” on SoundCloud, a track featuring one of the hottest names in hip-
hop today, Kendrick Lamar. Judging from this track and previews of other songs already released for the album, one can expect WAVES to be more reminiscent of older Kanye. While Kanye West’s new album will be getting plenty of big-
time media coverage, there are several more albums announced for this year that are definitely worth antici-
pating. 50 Cent, Wiz Khalifa, Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, and a few other big names in hip-hop also have al-
bums coming out this year, although no re-
lease dates have been announced.

Panic! at the Disco just released their lat-
est album, Death of a Bachelor, on the 15th of this month. Many still have those memo-
ries of blasting Panic! at the Disco through their speakers during their high school days. Panic! isn’t the only rock/indie band still making music,
tough. Simple Plan is re-
leasing an album named Taking One For The Team on April 19. For rock fans of different 
trends, there’s also good news.

Artists and bands like Elton John, 3 Doors Down, Asking Alex-
andra, and Weezer are also scheduled to release wonderful new music this year. Not only are both Panic! at the Disco and Weezer pushing out new music this year, but they are also co-headlining a summer tour as well as dates already announced from July to August. Weezer’s new album, Weez, is set to drop April 1.

Country music fans also have much to look for this year. Hank Williams Jr. re-
cently put out a new album, “It’s About Time,” this earlier month, but this “Hoechus” isn’t the only country legend releasing an album this year. Country music all-star Loretta Lynn is releasing her first album in twelve years titled Full Circle, ex-
pected to launch March 4 of this year.

While Loretta Lynn and Hank Williams Jr. are some of the big-
gest names in clas-
sic country music, we aren’t just seeing the more modern names in the genre also have much material coming out this year. Big time country artists such as Brad Paisley, Kacey Musgraves, Shelton, Keith Urban, Jason Aldean, Florida Georgia Line, and The Band Perry are all coming out with new albums this year but have yet to set a date.

As of February, Netflix will be introducing a flood of some amazing Netflix Originals according to whatson- netflix.com. The variety of genres, the widespread target audience, and the con-
sistent influx of new television shows and movies can be great for families. Netflix is entertaining for almost everyone. Netflix is a website that is full of television shows and movies that keeps people in-
terested.
Kevin Spann
Political Columnist

Republican State Senator Jim Mc- Clendon has written for a simple yes or no vote to be held on the 2016 elec-
toral ballot.

The proposal, however, will not earn much traction because the lottery funds would be spent on...
Timothy Cash
Sports Editor

Despite having to postpone post- season executable to Monday because of a blizzard in Morehead, Ky., the Gamecocks (8-15, 4-4 OVC) came home with a 78-74 win over Morehead State (10-9, 4-3 OVC). Jacksonville State came into the match up on a 2-1 run losing to Murray State.

A 14-point victory over Southeast Missouri State, followed by a 22-point victory of UT Martin before losing by 3 to East- ern Kentucky showed that Jacksonville State still had some life in them.

Malcolm Drumwright scored the first point of the night. A foul by the Eagles’ Royce Foster sent Drumwright to the line where he was able to knock down both.

Morehead State would then take the lead with a layup by Anthony Elachi. This one-point lead would be the only lead the Eagles would have in the contest. Erick Durham would regain the lead for the Gamecocks with a good shot from beyond the arc. Jax State had a comfortable lead going into half time. 44-26, and had as much as a 20-point lead during the half.

Before heading to the locker rooms, the Gamecocks boasted a 58.3 field goal shooting percentage, a monstrous 71.4 three-point field goal percentage and held 50 free-throw percent.

Durham was six for seven in field goals, and five for six at three-pointers.

Jacksonville State came out of the locker rooms ready to take the lead back. They began to slowly chip away at the Gamecocks lead, and brought the game within one with an Elechi free-throw 62-61 with 4:25 left in the contest. Erick Tucker and the Gamecocks were not going to give up, however. Despite only being two in three field goal shooting during the second half, he was able to make all nine of his second half free throws to keep Jacksonville State alive in the match up.

With a minute left in regulation the Gamecocks were up by eight.

Morehead State’s one offensive rebound was not enough for defensive rebounds.

Drumwright had 13 points and was 8-5 on free throw attempts.

Christian Cunningham had four of his free throws attempted.

Jared Raulkley made both of his offensive rebounds.

The Gamecocks return home to face Belmont on Monday January 25th at 7:00 p.m.

They will then face Ten- nessee State on Saturday January 30th at 4:30 p.m.

At Pete Mathews Colise- um.
**Men’s tennis tops Alcorn State**

**HATTIESBURG, Miss.** – The Jacksonville State men’s tennis team came out on top with a 6-1 win over Alcorn State Saturday in the Southern Illinois Invitational on February 5. The Gamecocks had a solid weekend on the court, winning against two foes.

The momentum changed for the Gamecocks in the women’s singles match against junior Diana Mirceta after she dropped the first set, 6-2, to WCU’s Natalia Baliaeva. Mirceta claimed the second set, 6-2, to force a third-and-deciding set. The Hamilton, Canada-native staved off multiple match points to seal the win in the third set, 7-6. Sophomore Genevie Kaufman, 6-3, 6-2. Sophomore Courtney Conley clinched the win for JSU at No. 5 after a 7-6, 7-6 win against Mathilde Rinderknech.

**Women’s tennis earn first win over WCU**

**HATTIESBURG, Miss.** – For the second consecutive day, the Jacksonville State men’s and women’s tennis teams battled cold temperatures and high winds on the second day of the Southern Miss Invitational in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The Gamecock women earned their first win of the season with a 4-3 decision over William Carey University.

JSU bounced back after a slow start in doubles with the Crusaders taking wins at No. 2 and 3 respectively to clinch the first point of the match. Liu Shao Chun and Rarael Lowande caught the attention of first-year head coach Andres Amores. Shao Chun continued the weekend spotless in singles play after turning in his third win of the season on Sunday with a 6-2, 6-4 win over ASU’s Kilian Salgado. He also posted a 3-1 mark in doubles play with Lowande. The rookie duo collected their third win together after topping Kilian Salgado and Y. Yarbarough. Lowande made quick work of Yarbarough in singles with a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 6. Mathias Chaim recorded a win at the top singles spot over ASU’s Nikita Kos-tikov, 6-3, 6-2. Austin McCormick aided in JSU’s win with a straight sets win at No. 4. Newcomer Vinicio Hadlich finished off the scoring with a three set win at No. 3 over Vaundes Vi-jiijarum. Hadlich won the opening set before dropping the second set to force a 10-9 third set win.

**Thompson performs at the Arkansas State Invitational**

**JONESBORO, Ark.** – The Jacksonville State women’s track and field team continued its improvement this weekend at the Arkansas State Invitational in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Highlighting Jax. State’s two days in the event was sophomore sprinter Kayla Thompson as the Brandon, Mississippi two-sport ath-lete posted a pair of top-10 finishes over the weekend. Thompson, also a member of the JSU soccer team, started the weekend with the fifth-best qualifying time in women’s 55 meter dash. She returned to the track in the finals to claim eighth with a time of 7.28.

Thompson collected her second top-10 finish on Saturday in the women’s 200 meter run. She crossed the finish line in 25.57 to claim ninth place. Jax. State had a solid weekend in field events, led by Erica Edwards’ bronze finish in the women’s high jump. Edwards was five meters off the top jump of 1.66 meters turned in by ASU’s Ivory Guyton. In the pole vault, Samantha Patterson turned in another top-10 finish with a leap of 3.50 meters. JSU’s Blake Perry finished fourth in the women’s triple jump with a jump of 11.46 meters. In other events, JSU’s Loren Moor finished in the top-15 of the 400 meter dash with a mark of 11.00.20. Moore also claimed a top-20 placement in the 200 meter run after a time of 26.56. Dayja Simon also was a top-10 performer in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:29.46 to claim ninth place. Briana Jackson finished 17th with a mark of 2:35.86 in the event. JSU returns to action in two weeks, traveling to Car-bondale, Illinois to compete in the Southern Illinois Invitational on February 5.